



Discerning What is Next: *God is Watching Over Us*

I. Understanding the Season

A. The Gathering of the Jewish People

Antisemitism

Isaiah 60:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ "Although you have been forsaken and hated, with no one traveling through, I will make you the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations.

Romans 11:1-2 (NIV)

¹ I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

B. The Preparation of the Church

Spirit of Antichrist

Matthew 24:9 (NIV)

⁹ "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations (ethnos) because of me.

C. God is Watching

Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)

¹¹ **I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.** ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

II. Globalization

Ezekiel 39:21-24 (NIV)

²¹ **"I will display my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see the punishment I inflict and the hand I lay upon them.** ²² From that day forward the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God. ²³ And the nations will know that the people of Israel went into exile for their sin, because they were unfaithful to me. So I hid my face from them and handed them over to their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. ²⁴ I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their offenses, and I hid my face from them.

Matthew 24:12-14 (NIV)

¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world** as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

A. God cares for people throughout the earth

Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

B. God uses people uniquely dedicated to Him

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NASB)

⁹ "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

Ezekiel 22:30-31 (NIV)

³⁰ **"I looked for a man** among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. ³¹ So I will pour out my wrath on them . . .

Job 1:8 (NIV)

⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

Numbers 12:7-8 (NASB)

. . . My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; ⁸ With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant, against Moses?"

C. Christian Nation

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Daniel 2:20-21 (NIV)

²⁰ and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. ²¹ He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

Luke 21:24 (NIV)

²⁴ They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles **until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**

III. Remove Altars and "High Places"

A. Techno-Jesus

B. Comfort/convenience/ease

C. Tolerance and truth

D. God's Workmanship

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Prayer

I rejoice in the majesty of my God. Your strength is on display in all the earth. Today I offer myself as a living sacrifice for Your purposes. May the thoughts of my heart and words of my mouth be pleasing in Your sight. Let righteousness break forth in this generation. May humility and the fear of the Lord fill the hearts of Your people. Let the name of Jesus be lifted up before all the nations, in Jesus' name, amen.